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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LOU ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20051014;20030717.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings received on July 17, 2003 have been accepted by the Examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on July 17, 2003 and October 14, 2005 have been considered by the examiner.

Priority

3. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. **Claims 1-2** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Hirose et al. (JP 10-047920) –cited by applicant using machine translation.**

As for **claims 1-2**, Hirose in a calibration method discloses the following: defining a three-dimensional coordinator x-y-z (Drawing 1: 4, 3, 5); providing a calibrating surface (Fig. 4: 1); translating the calibrating surface along the z-axis to establish a first mapping table of a two-dimensional image to the z-coordinate (paragraphs 0033-0036) and rotating the calibrating surface by a predetermined first along the y axis then translating along the z-axis to establish a second mapping table of the two-dimensional digital image to the z-coordinate according to the

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first mapping table (paragraphs 0025-paragraphs 0028); rotating the calibrating surface by a predetermined second angle along the x-axis then translating along the z-axis to establish a third mapping table of the two dimensional digital image to the y-coordinate according to the first mapping table (paragraphs 0011-paragraphs 0015).

6. **Claims 3-8** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Hirose et al. (JP 10-047920)** —cited by applicant using machine translation in evidence of **Sano et al. (JP-08-035828)**—cited by applicant.

As for **claim 3**, Hirose in a calibration method discloses the following: providing a base plane (base plane supporting 2 and 4 of Drawing 1); a laser sensor (Drawing 1: 4), a flat block having a calibrating surface (Drawing 1: 1 and 2c); a rotating axis perpendicular to the base plane (y axis of Drawing 1); a translating axis perpendicular to the rotating axis (z axis of Drawing 1); projecting the laser light onto the calibrating surface (Drawing 1: light projection); adjusting the laser light parallel to the base plane (Drawing 3); adjusting the flat block such that the calibrating surface is perpendicular to the translating axis (suggested by Drawing 1); translating the flat block to a plurality of predetermined first calibrating positions along the translating axis then recording corresponding images made by the laser sensor at each calibrating position and rotating the flat bloc a predetermined angle along the rotating axis, translating the flat block to a plurality of predetermined second calibrating positions along the translating axis, then recording corresponding images made by the laser at each second calibrating position. As a for a light plane, Hirose demonstrates a plane of light in Drawing 1 and suggests a linear beam in Drawing 3. In evidence Sano discloses in a 3-d measurement calibration method a linear curtain of laser light for coordinate system calibration (Fig. 2: 2).

As for **claim 4**, Hirose in a calibration method discloses the following: a base plane (base plane supporting 2 and 4 of Drawing 1); a laser sensor fixed to the base plane (Drawing 1: 4); a calibrating mechanism fixed to the base plane having a flat block with a calibrating surface thereon (Drawing 1: 1 and 2a-2c); wherein a light plane is projected onto the calibrating surface forming a line such that the laser sensor senses and generates a digital image of the line (Drawings 1 and 3; paragraph 0011). In evidence Sano discloses in a 3-d measurement calibration method a linear curtain of laser for coordinate system calibration (Fig. 2: 2).

As for **claim 5**, Hirose in evidence of Sano discloses everything as above (see claim 4). In addition, Hirose discloses the calibrating mechanism further has a rotating portion (Drawing 1: 2b and 2c) including a rotating axis perpendicular to the base plane (Drawing 1: y axis); wherein the flat block rotates along the rotating axis by the rotating portion (Drawing 1: 2b and 2c; paragraph 0011).

As for **claims 6-8**, Hirose in evidence of Sano discloses everything as above (see **claim 5**). In addition, Hirose discloses a translating portion, slider (Drawing 1: 2a) including a translating axis perpendicular to the rotating axis (z axis of Drawing 1) wherein the flat block translates along the translating axis by the translating portion (Drawing 1: 2a; paragraph 0011); rotatable platform driven by a motor connected to a reduction mechanism, gonio-slewing gear with rotary table (Drawing: 2b and 2c); translating portion is a linear guide way, direct acting slider (Drawing 2: 2a).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: U.S. Patent 4,188,544 to Chasson

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U.S. Patent 4,682,894 to Schmidt et al.

U.S. Patent 6,798,527 to Fukumoto et al.

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The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr., can be reached at 571-272-2800 ext 77.

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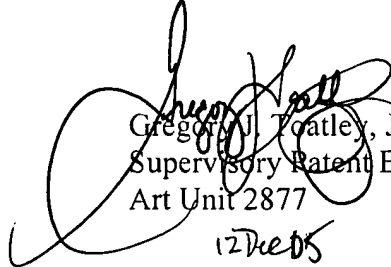
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